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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1998 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have taken note with great satisfaction of the report on the Central African Republic which the Secretary-General of the United Nations submitted to the members of the Security Council.

Mr. Kofi Annan's recommendations for a peacekeeping operation that would replace the Inter-African Mission to Monitor the Implementation of the Bangui Agreements (MISAB) have my full agreement and meet my own concerns as set out in my letter of 8 January 1998.

From this standpoint, it would seem to me desirable to extend the current mandate of MISAB for five weeks in order to prevent any disruption between the departure of the inter-African force and the deployment of a United Nations operation.

I believe it would be appropriate, under the circumstances, for the Security Council to agree to continue its support for the conduct of the Inter-African Mission and accordingly renew the approval and authorization it gave to that operation in its resolution 1136 (1997).

I should like once again to express my gratitude for the determined and courageous action of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ange-Félix PATASSÉ

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